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The Church of God Evangel

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EVERY CREATURE MARK. 16:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Eternal Life

By E. L. Moore

In our last article to the Evangel sometime ago, we dwelt on the origin of eternal life, the plan, purpose, and its origin with us, and extent. We will now note laws or rules governing same, as our will and choice has all to do in our life of usefulness with God, retaining eternal life and the blessings accompanying same. As the plan and purpose has been predestined it has been offered and is still being offered today to whoever will accept or choose. It is not compulsory. In the natural a body of men can make a choice, elect a man to office, but after he is chosen and elected it all depends on his will to serve. You use your wisdom, your choice, your will works. Our laws are so provided that all can choose, but for many offices only one is required to fill or elected for the place or position and it may not be the best man, and too he may refuse to serve, but you will notice that all who choose, will, serve, or run in the spiritual race will win a prize.

The laws in some states differ from the laws of another. The penalty for crime differs. In some states, the penalty for murder is life imprisonment, in some death by hanging, and in others electrocution. This law does not force, but rather tries to restrain from committing murder, because it is cruel, dangerous, breaking both the law of God and law of your state, laying yourself liable to the penalty which you will have to pay. However, this law is foreordained of God and man (or state) that this man must suffer the penalty for his cruel act, which act is a result of his own will or personal choice. The laws of foreordination are fixed in the laws of nature that govern our safety, health and happiness and to rebel or transgress against any, the penalty will be to pay of whatever it may be. Sin is the transgression of God's law. He does not want His children to sin, that is why He so provided a saving grace that gives life, therefore, if you sin, have a will or choose to do evil, you are not in accord with the plan that provides eternal life, and eternal death worketh in you.

Eternal life and eternal death are separate. Being born again (John 3:3-5) does not license you to sin or do evil. Neither does the blood that cleanseth or sanctifies cover that sin you commit until it is fully repented of. This wonderful experience of sanctification or cleansing, the wonderful baptism of the Holy Spirit, will not warrant you heaven or happiness if you choose to do despite to the spirit of grace. You are born again because you accept God's favor and repent of your sins. You are sanctified or cleansed from the carnal nature because you forsake sin. You receive the Holy Spirit of promise to give you power to overcome sin. Jesus had power to forgive sin. His blood was shed for your cleansing, He paid the penalty for you, but this only counts for the sins repented of and the sin you didn't commit. The blood eradicates sins, being the wrongs we do, and sin, the carnal nature in man. This forgiveness and cleansing makes you a new creature, old things pass away, all things become new, the stony heart is taken away and you are given a heart of flesh. This choice of yours brings you under contract or submissiveness to God. You then keep His commandments because you love Him. You keep His favor and keep your fellowship sweet by obeying and walking in the light. Through His Word He points out the way of life, gives all instructions necessary.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?" said David. "By taking heed to the Word." It becomes as a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway. This word of truth makes us free, if we follow on to know the Lord. As it points out the way of life it also points out the way of death. Moses said in Deut. 30:19, that God set before you life and death, blessings and cursing, therefore, choose life that ye may live. This would bring all men into accountability, including Pharaoh, Esau, Saul, and Judas, for their decisions. Whoever makes the way of God and righteousness his choice is electing himself, and that choice of his will to continue will certainly have a part to play in the pursuits of life and the final abode. Pursue the course of life and live.

There is no honorable sin, there is no sin that will go unpunished, whether by a saint or sinner. Wrong doing will con-

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Notices

We will have feet washing and the Lord's Supper June 19. Near-by churches are invited to come and be with us. The service will begin at 7:30 p. m.—P. W. Hackney, pastor, Blountsville, Ala.

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I am a young preacher open for calls. I will go any place the Lord leads, prefer mountain work. I am a member of the Church of God at Erwin Hill, Ga. Any one wanting my service, write Hoyt Dutton, Route 2, Adairsville, Ga.

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We have the report of a new church set in order at Leesville, S. C. with twenty-three members.

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There will be a home coming day at the Church of God at High Shoals, N. C., June 27. Everybody is invited. Bring a well-filled basket and an offering for the repairing of the church.—F. H. Collier, pastor.

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Our state camp meeting will be held July 19-25 at Maud, Okla., one week. Brother R. P. Johnson, assistant general overseer, will be with us. For this reason we have been favored with setting our camp meeting date up two weeks. Begin now to plan to be there.—S. J. Wood, state overseer.

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I am open for evangelistic work. Any one wanting my service, please write me at Box 56, Sylvester, Ga.—J. W. Murray.

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The Church of God at East Alton, Ill. has changed clerks. The new clerk is William Edwards, 422 Pence Ave., East Alton, Ill. Please correspond with him hereafter.

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There will be all-day service held at the Alvin, Ill. Church of God June 13. We will have baptismal service that day. Anyone desiring to come is welcome. Pray for our services.—Yours in His service, J. R. Berry, pastor.

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WANTED:—To hear from a young man or man and wife who knows music, can play the piano, direct and lead singing and wants to travel in evangelistic work. Reply at once with full details about your education, music training, Bible School training, if any, age, amount of offering or salary expected, etc. The writer has had many years of experience in the ministry in the Church of God and he also has a first class reputation. Address: Evangelist, General Delivery, Charleston, W. Va.

To the saints and friends on the Eupora, Miss. district, there will be a home coming at Pisgah Springs church the second Sunday in June. We are expecting a quartet from Hattiesburg, also the Blackwood quartet and a number of other good singers from Red Bay, Ala. Come and bring a well-filled basket. Our state overseer, Brother Headley, will be with us. Pray for me.—J. D. Taylor, district pastor.

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We are planning to start a revival the third Sunday in July. I invite everyone who can come to come and help us. If any preacher feels the Lord leading you this way, come on. If you can preach with love, come. That is what gets the sinner to God. We have all the skinners we need, it will take love to move the people here. Please come and help us. The Lord will bless you.—Your brother, P. W. Hackney, pastor, Blountsville, Ala., Route 2.

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I would like to hear from anyone having a good used gospel tent for sale, or will appreciate any information as to where I can locate one. Will pay cash for same.—C. H. Shaw, 737 Broad Street, Washington, Pa.

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There is to be a Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention June 12, 13 at the Church of God, 204 S. Mt. Vernon Ave., Uniontown, Pa. Bring well-filled baskets for Sunday dinner. Brother H. R. Pelton has just closed a meeting here. He surely preached the truth and God honored His Word.—Mrs. Nona Dame, leader.

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The Kentucky state Y. P. E. convention will convene with the Lynch Church of God, Lynch, Ky., beginning Saturday night, July 3, and ending Sunday night, July 4. Everyone is invited. Each Y. P. E. is required to send delegates. District Y. P. E. conventions are as follows: Louisville, the third week-end in June at the Mitchell Hill church; McVeigh the fourth week-end in June at the McVeigh church. The Letcher district convention, which convened the last week-end in May, was a glorious success. —L. Sparkman Cooper, Kentucky Y. P. E. superintendent.

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Come to an old-time tent revival with D. F. Meyers as evangelist at the corner of Rheinerman and Darling Streets. Service starts each evening at seven o'clock. —John L. Hilburn, pastor, Houston, Tex.

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I started a revival at the Church of God at Shorts Creek, Virginia, Sunday night, June 6. I ask every saint to pray a special prayer that God will bless and souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—John H. McCraw, pastor, Rt. 4, Box 95, Galax, Va.

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Notice: Applicants for Group Insurance

To those who have recently made application for the Group Insurance, the company will hold the applications until the drive closes and then mail all the certificates at the same time.—General Overseer and Secretary.

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If there is some good, honest widow or orphan girl who wants a home, I would like to hear from you. There are just two of us, my husband and I. I am in a serious condition with inward cancer and need some one to keep house for me. I live on the farm and will see that you are well taken care of. If interested write me at once, or if anyone who reads this knows of anyone, write me. I also request prayer for the healing of my body. If anyone feels led, please send me an anointed cloth.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. W. A. Barlow, Route 2, Utica, Miss.

Note: It is against our rules to put this kind of notice in the Evangel but as this is an extreme case and as there is no other medium, seemingly, through which she can get help, we are putting this in.

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There will be a home coming at Earls Grove the third Sunday in June, the 20th. Everybody is welcome. All members will be expected to be there or let us know how you are getting along spiritually. — Homer Johnson, pastor, Cleveland, Tenn. * * *

The Saskatchewan provincial convention will convene at Robsart, Sask. July 16-18.—Yours in Christ, Chas. Bowen, Hatton, Sask., Canada.

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The Y. P. E. convention for the Eastern district of Kentucky will convene at McVeigh, Ky., June 25-27. Our state superintendent will be with us and we are expecting our state overseer with us part of the convention. There are seven Y. P. E's on this district and we expect all of them to be present and render a good program. We are also expecting some of the Y. P. E's from West Virginia to be with us and put on some programs. Everybody come and feel free and let's encourage our young people, for they are doing a good work.—W. B. Webb, district pastor, Pinsonfork, Ky.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI

Dear brother, pastor, clerk, and every member of the local churches: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I want to express

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God Is Wonderfully Blessing

THE CHURCH OF GOD IS MOVING ON

Greatest Financial Increase in Whole History of Church

EVERY DEPARTMENT SHOWS INCREASE FOR FIRST HALF OF ASSEMBLY YEAR OF 1937

Many Glorious Revivals in Progress, and Numbers of New Churches Organized in New States and Territories

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE ENCOURAGED AND WORKING TOGETHER

The figures below in percentage show a tremendous gain in some of the departments. The comparison at first may not mean much to you, but when you begin to think of the many hundreds—yes thousands—of dollars of increase, you must immediately see beyond to the thousands and thousands working together to promote the work of the Church of God.

This comparison shows the percentage of increase and decrease (in the receipts only) of the first half of the Assembly year contrasted with the same period of time for 1936, and also of 1935. This period includes the time from the closing of the books until the last of March each year. It does not take in accounts payable or accounts receivable, only of cash receipts.

	Assembly to Mar. 31, 1937 gain over 1936	Assembly to Mar. 31, 1936 gain over 1935	1937 compared to 1935
Tithes	58.4 % or 50.98% (See note)	23.03%	95. %
Missions	64.16	48.76	144.2
Aged Ministers' Fund	67.43	102.1	238.46
Ministers' Widows Fund	58.4		
Orphanage	13.24	12.08	26.92
PUBLISHING HOUSE:			
Evangel	+ .0028	—12.51	—12.19
Cash & Cr. Sales	+38.6	— 8.57	+27.73
Receipts— (Gen. Cash)	+15.08	— 3.62	+11.45
TENNESSEE MUSIC & PRINTING CO.			
Tenn. Music & Prtg. Co.	33.33	24.47	65.67

LAYMEN: The laymen are appreciative of the way God has blessed and is blessing in keeping them in work, therefore, they are tithing and giving as they see her (The Church of God) spread her program and increase her capacity to take care of her various obligations.

MISSIONS: To-day we have the greatest opportunity in our history. People are crying and calling to us, "Come over and help us." Surely a great door and effectual is opened unto "us". We have now the greatest number of missionaries. Many are hazarding their lives for the cause of Christ, under some of the most trying circumstances. A letter from a foreign field reached my office yesterday telling of a woman in a community where we have a church, in one of the famine stricken places, because of dire hunger ate her own child. Our ministers there are working for almost nothing, but surely God is strengthening them in this great crisis. Cheer up, brethren, we are with you. God will help us some way. The hearts of our people in America are burning with holy zeal to bring this message to you in the foreign lands, as well as to push out into the new fields in our homeland.

STATE OVERSEERS: Our state overseers have been relieved of pastoral duties and are pressing out trying to answer the many calls in their respective territories to spread this gospel there. The greatest number of tents are now being used in evangelistic work. More fasting and praying for lost souls as we see the night fast approaching. In fact, many of our precious ministers have worn their lives away under the great strain of this rescue work, therefore, we have our AGED MINISTERS' COMPENSATION: Surely everyone feels a great interest in helping our precious old warriors of the cross in these closing years of their lives. Though the great burden for lost souls is still there, their strength is not sufficient to continue their labor. They say it is a miserable feeling to want to work, and then not be able. May God bless you precious aged ministers. We are planning and hoping to do more for you in the near future.

Numbers of our faithful ministers have fallen on the battle fields and left their widows to struggle alone, therefore we also have our MINISTERS' WIDOWS FUND: In order for the Church to show her appreciation for the service of our fallen brethren, and to meet this need, she has the Ministers' Widows Fund to take care of our widows, which fund comes from a portion of the general tithes. The increase is the same as the increase of the tithes. Our local churches take care of their widows indeed.

Then, when mother, too, slips away we have prepared to take care of the children.

ORPHANAGE: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is, this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (Jas. 1:27). For this reason the Church has arranged to take care of the fatherless and motherless children who cannot provide for themselves. Not only ministers' children, but all from everywhere, as far as we are able. You are remembering the orphans, and God will bless you for it.

PUBLISHING HOUSE: The Church of God Publishing House is your own, therefore, you should patronize it. If you owned a grocery store you would feel like supplying your home with groceries from it. You would not want to go out and buy from other business houses. Of course our Publishing House is just what we make it to be. I do not believe you can find better quality workmanship, at the prices offered here, scarcely anywhere. The question of time might be an item, but if you will plan your work just a few days earlier, I am sure that the management will co-operate with you in giving you immediate service on all quick jobs.

As for the Evangel, all expirations deduct from the new subscriptions, thus making it a constant work of securing new subscriptions and renewals to hold your own and increase the subscriptions in your state. The day in which we live makes it all the more necessary that we know how things are going everywhere.

You can further help your Publishing House by ordering books, Bibles, etc.

TENNESSEE MUSIC & PRINTING CO.: This is your printing company, which is supplying our Church with books and serving a great need. They are in position to sell you most any gospel song books printed. While they show a nice increase in receipts, over previous years, it will certainly be appreciated if you will co-operate and use the Church of God and Tennessee Music & Printing Company's song books.

LIGHTED PATHWAY: Sister Alda B. Harrison, editor of the Lighted Pathway, informs me that the percentage of increase this first six months, compared with this same period last year is 8.11%, and that the increase in publications up to April 1 was near 15%. For the last three months the publication has been greatly increased to meet the demand. Numbers of young people are enjoying the instructive information contained in their little paper.

NOTE: You will note that we gave two percentages for the tithes for this year. The reason is this, this year the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company paid us a dividend, and of course this was placed in the tithe fund, where over twelve times the amount of the dividend received has been paid out to make it possible for our ministers to secure this group insurance. But, if the Council of the Twelve and the Bishops' Council decide it should be prorated, then the second percentage figure of 50.98% will be correct.

MISSIONS: Last year for the same period of time we showed 48.76% gain over the previous year, and we were able to double on our missions for the entire year. This year for the same period of time in comparison over last year the percentage of gain is 64.16%. Therefore, if our people keep working in proportion as they did last year, we can have even a greater margin over a double than we had last year.

Thank God and bless His holy name for the great program of the Church of God and for its faithful workers everywhere who are laboring together with God to further His great cause on earth while we wait and watch for His coming.

Are you not glad that you are a member and one among the number who is helping to advance this cause?—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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Always write names and addresses plainly. If we fail to get your name or address right, please notify us and we will take pleasure in making the correction.

We will do our best to keep from making mistakes, but if we make a mistake, we will take pleasure in correcting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battle field, if nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

Editorials

Some of our people are complaining about the cover being taken off the Evangel. I did this at the request of the Publishing House Interest Committee.

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PUBLISHING HOUSE

We are glad to announce to our coworkers on the field that up to this time the Publishing House has had the greatest increase in business of any previous year. We feel greatly encouraged when we think about God's bountiful hand supplying us with all the work we can do and we think our complete reports at the Assembly will be greatly encouraging. It will be impossible to give an audited report at this time and such reports as may be given are just a summary of the bulk of business and there could not be a complete accurate report of any department now.

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ACCOUNTS

To those who have accounts with the Publishing House: We have had quite a few statements returned this last quarter and we put a list in the Evangel to secure the proper addresses. We would appreciate very much a card from those whose names appeared in the Evangel, that we may be able to get your statements to you. We will also highly appreciate a remittance from those who have accounts with the Publishing House as it always takes money to carry on this business. We thank you for your patronage and hope you will take this in the good spirit we are giving it.

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THE PERSONAL RETURN OF CHRIST

Acts 1:10, 11. "And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Here the angels said, "This same Jesus which was taken up from you shall return in like manner." Without there had been a resurrection there could be no positive proof of Christ's return. After His resurrection He showed Himself to His followers and proved that He was the same Christ that was crucified and put in the tomb and now as He is being lifted into glory, the angels said, He shall return again, and we believe this with all our hearts.

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NEED OF PATIENCE

Heb. 10:36, 37, "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

Here Paul is admonishing the Hebrews that after they have done the will of God and received the promise, they have need of patience. In our patience we possess our souls and this is a work that is left to us. We must exercise patience and love if we are ready for Christ's return.

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THE SEALING

2 Cor. 1:21, 22, "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

Paul is telling the Corinthian church that it is Christ that has established them after they believed on Him and He hath also anointed us in God. He also makes it plain here that the Holy Ghost is the sealing that keeps us ready for our final redemption. Jesus was the One who purchased this redemption for us and it is through the Holy Ghost that ye are sealed until the time appointed for the dead in Christ to rise and they that are on earth to be changed and caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

SEALED AFTER WE BELIEVE

Eph. 1:13, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise."

Here we have the plain statement that it is after we believe and have heard the Word of Truth, believing in the gospel, that we are sealed. It is through the working powers of the Holy Ghost, the third person in the Trinity, that people are convicted and born again and it is through an application of the shed blood of Jesus by the Holy Ghost that we are sanctified. But we are sure that the final sealing spoken of in this verse is the indwelling Spirit which is the Holy Ghost.

Eph. 4:30, 31, "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice."

Here we are warned to grieve not the Holy Ghost whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption. This proved beyond all doubt that the Holy Ghost, which Jesus sent back after He had ascended, is the sealing that keeps us ready for the sudden return of our Lord, and from these scriptures we learn that those who are not sealed by the Holy Ghost will not be ready and I am sure this corresponds to the oil spoken of in Matt. 25, for the only distinction was that the wise virgins had oil in their vessels with their lamps, and this oil is typical of the indwelling Spirit which is the Holy Ghost. This was the first thing that happened after Jesus went to glory as He had promised He would send them another Comforter and those disciples received Him on the day of Pentecost.

We are sure that this is the sealing spoken of in the scriptures given in this brief comment.

Y. P. E. Moving On

We have a small Y. P. E. in number, but we surely do have the presence of the Holy Ghost which makes it a wonderful Y. P. E. We have some of the best young people you can find anywhere. We, as a group of young people, do earnestly ask the prayers of all the saints that our Y. P. E. will continue to grow for our Master that souls will be added to our number and our Savior will be glorified. Help us hold up the blood-stained banner and carry the good work on. Pray for our pastor and wife for God is surely blessing them and they are doing a good work here. The church is growing under their care.—Mrs. Aquilla Boone, Winnsboro, S. C.

The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by Sam C. Perry

Anger

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice," Eph. 4:31.

How much is said in God's Word against evil tempers, anger, wrath, etc. In God's sight they are a grievous sin.

Cease from anger and forsake wrath, Psa. 37:8.

Anger rests in the bosom of fools, Ecc. 7:9.

Go not with a furious man, Prov. 22:24.

To be greater than the mighty control your own spirit, Prov. 16:32.

The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God, James 1:20.

Malice, ill-will, hatred, backbiting, slander, criticism, and even murder, all belong to this family. "He that hateth his brother is a murderer," 1 John 3:15.

1. Jesus is the Saviour of sinners. He died to save men from all sin. The drunkard, the swearer, the thief, the liar, the immoral and just as truly the high-tempered. Why should there be any more excuse for the high-tempered man who is saved to have a spell of anger occasionally, than the saved drunkard to have to drink occasionally again, or the saved liar and swearer to have to lie and swear occasionally? Jesus takes the lion nature out and gives the lamb nature instead—He transforms the bad disposition to a good and kind one—thus it is to be saved.

2. Evil tempers and anger are unbecoming in any one and are least expected in a Christian. A person possessing a hot temper is most likely to have no control of the tongue—perhaps this is the kind of tongue that "is a fire, a world of iniquity" that "defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of nature," etc. (James 3).

3. To overcome the spirit of the world and all its ways of sin, is the greatest human achievement on earth. (Of course it is not done without God's wonderful grace.) Where and how can this achievement be more beautifully demonstrated than in a smooth, loving, even disposition, and that is maintained through every variety of earthly circumstances? How many great scholars, statesmen, leaders in every avenue of human affairs, even preachers, church members and professed Christians, give expression to unseeming fits of anger occasionally? At such times it is the spirit of Satan, and not the spirit of the blessed Christ they put on display.

4. "The doctrines of God our Savior" we are to "adorn" and "in all things" (Tit. 2:10). Such adorning is described in Gal. 5:22, 23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Notice then there is another list in Gal. 5:19-21, but remember that it belongs to another realm altogether. In it is wrath, strife, hatred, variance (which is dissention or controversy), seditions, envyings, murders, etc. These do not adorn the gospel of Jesus, nor do any of them belong in the furnishings of a Christian.

5. Then to be victorious now and ready to stand with the faithful at the end of the way, it is required that we obey the commands of the Lord. Some of them are believe, obey, do His will, and forsake sin, work, go, etc., and then in our text we have a very urgent command:

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice." Amen.

Did you ever see a man or woman who was deeply spiritual, that used tobacco? Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost, and should be holy. God says, "Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God."

THE THREE-FOLD OFFICE OF CONSCIENCE

1. Witness—It testifies what we have done.

2. Judge—It passes sentence on what we have done.

3. Passes Sentence—it condemns the guilty.

THANK GOD EVERY MORNING

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something today, which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle never know.—Kingsley.

Success

But once in the Bible does this word occur. In Josh. 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Young People's Corner

Dress

"That women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works," 1 Tim. 2:9, 10.

Christian women should dress in keeping with their profession. Those who attend the dance, the theatre, the movies, etc., dress accordingly. If women are saved and do not possess the spirit of the worldling, why dress as the worldling?

1. According to the Scriptures Christian women should dress decently, neatly and economically. Not gaudily, extravagantly, nor indecently, and not to attract undue attention. And they should not show carelessness nor sloveliness, but remember it has been said that "cleanliness is next to godliness."

2. If women professing godliness go beyond the limit and dress as do the women of the world, what answer can they give if criticized for such a practice? If it is wrong to dress as the world, and is a sign of sinful pride, then it brings condemnation as well as does the practice of other sins, and should be discouraged.

3. Since the Lord has seen proper to give instructions concerning dress in His Word, we believe it is wholesome to follow those instructions. We do not believe in bearing down on these things to the point of becoming fanatical, but we do believe that we should keep to the middle of the road. Either extreme is harmful. That is, some may dress so plainly as to attract attention, and cause remarks, while some go to the other extreme in dressing too expensively, or immodestly, and bring reproach on the cause of the Lord.

4. Extravagance in dress may be condemned, especially on two counts. First, it is a waste of God's money, which God's Word condemns. Second, it is a display of pride which is sinful and also condemned in God's Word.

5. Then neatness, tidiness and simplicity in dress are always in keeping with the Christian spirit. But extravagance, gaudiness, indecent dress, never. Read Exodus 23:2; Rom. 12:2; Phil. 2:5; 1 Peter 3:3, 4.

The wearing of costly apparel is directly opposite to being adorned with good works; for the more you spend on your apparel, the less you will have to clothe the naked or to feed the hungry.

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

WORK PROGRESSING IN GERMANY

I am glad to report victory, through the grace of God, the blood and the Holy Ghost. While God is working and the truth is going to take root in the hearts of precious people, more and more are coming to our meetings. We also have a Sunday School started and about twenty attending. I would be glad if I could make an order for Sunday School literature from the Publishing House. But since our people can not read English, we must help ourselves and make our own literature with the typewriter and make as many copies as is necessary. We get the lessons from the Teacher's Quarterly and how the Lord has blessed the young and the old! There are no Sunday Schools for adult people over here, but already our people see what Sunday School means for the old as well.

Lately, on Sunday afternoon, we had an outdoor meeting, under blooming apple trees. Had a fine crowd and a good message on "By faith Moses." Right after this meeting, as different people were talking, this other organization from which quite a few of our folks are coming, heard also of our Sunday School work and they called a special meeting and are now warning their people against me, saying that I have a false doctrine, a heretic after Titus 3:10, have the devil in me and more so. We praise the Lord that flesh and the devil is getting stirred. Naturally such persecution is hard on them who have just started to walk in the light, and some are wondering now who is right.

Please do keep on praying for us. Also, we request the Church to keep on praying for this needy country, that the light of God's full truth may go forth and permission from the government be granted us. I do not want to say this for just another request, but sincerely. Oh, the darkness on the deeper truth is hard to believe. The God who can still do wonders, is not known much here. There is such skeptcism and unbelief as I have not known of before among Protestant folks. But how can they know without a preacher? There are many highly educated ministers, who, themselves, don't know what old-time, heartfelt religion is. The government is about sick of professors. They want to see reality.

So far away from the good fellowship which we surely enjoyed in U. S. A., we enjoy receiving the Evangel which has been, many times, a blessing to us.

Thanking the Mission Board for helping us bring the old-time gospel to this needy nation, we remain yours for the Church of God, Brother and Sister Lauster.

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God Working in Barbados

Ten days after embarking on the S. S. "Simon Bolivar" of the Royal Netherlands Steamship Line, we arrived in the fair island of Barbados. We made seven different ports on the way down, visiting in Colombia and Venezuela, South America, and the Dutch and British Colonies of Curacao and Trinidad. The trip across was very interesting and may provide some real good reading material were I to begin describing it in detail. However, since the Evangel is rather limited for space, due to so many reports, etc., coming in, I thought it best to condense my articles. For example, I notice that part of the front cover design has had to be cut out, which seems to mar the general appearance of the paper. The old cut portrayed the Church so beautifully, as, "the pillar and ground of the truth."

I boarded the Dutch ship at Cristobal, C. Z., Panama and was treated with all courtesy by the officers and crew en route. The sea was a little boisterous at the beginning of the voyage and at first I suffered some from seasickness. But I was soon able to settle down again to routine life aboard ship, once I recovered my "sea-legs"—so to speak.

I took advantage of the days spent at sea in studying and comparing the Scriptures in four languages. The reading of the Papiamento Dialect which is spoken in the Dutch West Indian Islands of Curacao, Aruba and Bon Aire, came to me almost as a gift—if you want to call it that—during my trip to South America in 1935. This language is a mixture of Dutch, French, Indian, Spanish and Portuguese. I started with a written prayer and translated all of it—by God's help—excepting one word, and I think the petition contained sixty-nine words. Then the Portuguese coming from same Latin root, is so closely related to the Spanish language that I find it quite easy to read. I spread out the different translations before me, and take them chapter by chapter, beginning with the Papiamento—which is the hardest for me. Then I follow up with the Portuguese and Spanish, finally falling back on my English version in case I get stuck. Fellow passengers looked at me rather curiously, and I suppose wondered at seeing a man reading four Bibles at the same time. It was like the time when four of us were reading and preaching from the same pulpit at the same time when Brother J. H. Walker was with us in Guatemala, Central America. This was necessary—as stated before—to get the Word to the people in Spanish and Quiche. A knowledge of Portuguese would be a great asset to the mission cause, should we open a work in Brazil, as this language is spoken there. This is the largest Republic in South America and is larger in area than the U. S. A. It is known as United States of Brazil, and has a population of more than forty million. We must look forward to establishing ourselves in this great mission field that is open to the gospel to-day.

During this visit to Barbados we were able to organize three more churches, taking in sixty-four new members. This makes sixteen churches we have set in order to date, with an average registered membership of forty-one to the congregation. I got a call to come and set another church in order—an old established work with a fairly large membership—but for lack of time I had to leave that for Brother Marshall to look after. In addition to this we have two or three other places where we are preaching. One of the later named has its own church, a new building, with around a hundred members enrolled. We expect these will line up with us also. The pastor of the church that came over from the English Church Army last fall has received the baptism of the Holy Ghost during the last few weeks. Also several of the members at this place have been baptized in the Spirit.

About six months ago Brother Charles A. Lewis cast his lot with us. This brother has been in the ministry for twenty-one years and is mightily used by the Lord. He spent eighteen years with the Pilgrim Holiness Church, ten of which were put in service at Georgetown, British Guiana, S. America. We have been wanting to open up a work over there, so now we have a man well qualified for the place, as he has received the Holy Ghost according to the pattern in Acts 2:4, since he has united with the Church of God.

Brother James B. Winter from Canada, who has spent thirty-two years in the work on this field, united with us during my visit. He also has the Holy Ghost baptism and came to us desiring fellowship, having been moved by our world-wide program of expansion in foreign fields. Mr. Winter spent seven years of

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Ye Did Run Well

BY W. G. LIGHTE

TEXT: Galatians 5:7, *"Ye did run well; who did hinder you?"*

Due to the sad condition of so-called Christianity of today, God has impressed me very much to write a few lines on the above text.

It seems that some of the members of the churches of Galatia were being led astray by the doctrine of circumcision. In the first verse of this chapter, we hear Paul speaking in this manner, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." To be free from sin is the greatest privilege that man has. It not only brings contentment and happiness in this present life but also insures a better home at the end of our earthly pilgrimage. After one has been set free from the snare of the enemy by the divine love of God, it has always been a mystery to me why they will allow themselves to be entangled again with the yoke of bondage, but such is the case in many instances.

I was saved in the early months of 1929, at which time it seemed that God was the uppermost thought in the minds of the Christian people. They delighted in the blessed Word of God. They rejoiced in measuring up to the teachings of the Bible and Church. God visited them in marvelous ways. Oh! how the power would fall, and blessings showered down like the early April rains. The people would dance, shout, and weep for joy. Those were the good days, those were the days that God was well pleased with His children, those were the days when we "ran well." But, alas, from close observation, I am forced to believe we have drifted, to a certain extent, from our Lord.

I say we ran well for God at that time because we delighted in doing His will and were ready to heed His call at any time, regarding not how dark the night, how severe the storms.

I am very young in this way, considering the length of time some of the good saints have fought the battles in the name of Christ, but I can see, during the short period of time that I have been in this way, that there has been a great letting-up in living for God. Where is the power we one time enjoyed? Where is the anointing from God that so often enveloped our being? Has God changed, has He forsaken His children, has He gone to sleep? Is it slackness on His part that we do not receive the same blessing? No, a thousand times, no! It is your fault and my fault that we are not deriving the same benefits from the hand of God. We have drifted from God and there is no use to try to deny it.

Every fair-minded man, I believe, will agree with me that Christianity in its true form is at a very low ebb. Not only in the formal churches of this day and time, but this is also true relative to the holiness movements. There must be some cause for this. There surely must be a definition for this sad condition. I will plainly tell you what I think the solution of the whole matter is, and that is, "We are not running well." We are drifting, drifting, so carelessly drifting along. No aim in view, just drifting along with the tide. When shall we awake and see our sad plight? When will we burst asunder the shackles of indifference, the bonds of pride, the tightening cords of worldliness, and proclaim to the world, "I am an ambassador for Christ"?

1 Cor. 9:24. "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the price? So run, that ye may obtain." Whether we are aware of the fact or not, we are all running in a race. This race began at the cradle and will end in eternity. So, my friend, we should strive to the utmost to be the one who wins the prize.

Along this race of life there are many obstacles to overcome, there are many difficulties, trials and pitfalls to encounter and conquer, but if we "run well" and be determined in our heart to endure to the end, I am sure we will finish this race victoriously and receive the prize at our Father's hand.

1 Peter 4:12. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." I believe every true child of God at some time in life has gone through a severe trial. I am sure God wants a tried people and no doubt these trials are put upon us in order to estimate our worth. Peter *ran well* until the testing time came. This beloved apostle of our Lord, did he not forsake nets, father and home to be with Jesus? Did he not follow close in the footsteps of our Lord during His ministry here on earth? It was Peter, who, at the last supper, deemed himself unworthy to allow Jesus to wash his feet. Then, in the Garden of Gethsemane, we see this man of God willingly risk his life trying to forstall the capture of his Master.

No one will dare say that Peter was not an humble, kind-hearted man. There are none who will disagree with me in believing this fisherman of Galilee loved his Lord with a sincere heart. Jesus had performed so many miraculous wonders during His ministry that Peter, there in the Garden of Gethsemane, no doubt, thought that he would at this time call for assistance from God, or that a company of angels would come to His aid, or in some way would evade capture at the hands of this ungodly mob. When this expectation failed to materialize, Peter lost all hope, doubt crept into his mind, "Is this man Jesus really the Son of God? If He is, surely He could have evaded this capture."

When Jesus was taken by this crowd, His apostles fled. I can see the unholy crowd leading Jesus back to Jerusalem. Back in the distance I see another figure, stealthily dodging from tree to tree, watching intently every move that is made by the captors of the Son of God. After this mob enters inside the walls of the city, this figure comes to the city gate and then slyly ventures inside, even into the palace of the high priest and sits with the servants and warms himself at the fire. There, when confronted by one of the maids of the high priest, Peter, for it is he, denies the Christ.

Peter ran well for a season, but when face to face with the crisis he failed the Lord. As we read of this sad event in the life of Peter we readily condemn him for denying the Lord. In our heart we can find no sympathy for this fallen apostle of Jesus.

No doubt, we have said, "Had I been in the place of Peter I would have boldly come forth and offered my life for the Master. Before seeing Him so shamefully mistreated and abused, I would have gladly given my life in His stead." No, we wouldn't. Let's not deceive ourselves. I am made to believe that we, who claim to be filled with the Spirit of God, would not have done any better than Peter in this trying time. Why do I believe this? Because, from observation I see that we do not have power with which to combat such a force. Instead of abounding in the strength and power of our God we have fallen almost to the last rung of the ladder. How could we, who are unable to cope with the trifling persecutions of this day and time, expect to overcome such a trial as that which confronted Peter. No, my friends, we will have to get better fortified with the power and love of God if we expect to win this battle for right.

What? Do I hear some one say, "I am willing and ready to die for this cause. I some ready to suffer martyrdom for the Bible and its truths"? No doubt there are some who would do this, but they are very few and far between. Why do I

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Reports

Philadelphia, Pa. Dist. Conv'n.

The second annual district convention of the Philadelphia, Pa., district convened at the Church of God, Reamstown, Pa., April 16-18. Services opened with good singing, Scripture reading and prayer. All felt welcome after the brief welcome addresses. Sister Willie Mae Davenport brought the evening message, which was enjoyed by all. There was a good altar service, then benediction.

Saturday morning we were again in the church enioying a good devotional service and good special music. Sister Largin brought the morning message, after which prayer was offered for the sick and handkerchiefs were anointed. Our state overseer, Brother C. H. Blankenship, delivered a wonderful message which was enjoyed by all. We adjourned for dinner. At two o'clock we were back in the church enjoying a good devotional service and special music and singing. Brother A. R. Martin of Ephrata, Pa. brought a good message. Immediately after this Brother A. Thompson of Chester, Pa. delivered a good message, then the district churches marched. After the 7:00 p. m. devotional service, Sister Hanley gave us a splendid talk on the Evangel. Sister E. L. Oney brought a wonderful message. Special singing and healing services were then conducted. Brother Blankenship brought a wonderful message using a large chart. At the close of this there was an altar service.

Sunday, after devotional service, our district pastor, Brother Paul Carpenter taught the Sunday School lesson from the platform. Brother H. C. Stoppe brought a good message. Sister Eva Martin gave a talk in behalf of the orphans which brought tears to the eyes of everyone present. Sister Eva seemed at her best. A good offering was taken for foreign missions. We were dismissed for dinner. The afternoon service opened with another good devotional and short praise service. Our good colored saints from S. Philadelphia sang some for us. Then Brother Blankenship brought another good message. A good Y. P. E. program conducted by Sister Eva Martin was given. Brother Blankenship brought the closing message, followed by handshakes and good-byes.

At times it looked like great dark clouds were over us, then He would send a shower to let us know He was near. Truly this was a good convention. We enjoyed and appreciated the special singing and music during the convention, which was fine. We were sorry to hear Brother Carpenter tell that he had resigned from his pastoral duty and the district. May the Lord bless him and his good wife wherever they may go.—Sister Green, convention secretary.

District Convention Held at Maud, Okla.

Dear Evangel readers, we are glad to report victory throughout our convention. The dear Lord blessed in each service. Our meeting began Friday night, May 7. Many visitors from other churches were with us. We had a good song and praise service with the welcome address by the local pastor, Brother Curtsinger, and response by Sister Clark of Anadarko and Sister Wood of Lawton. Then came a good message by Brother Morgan, a blind man here. He isn't a member of the Church of God but is looking this way.

Our services Saturday were fine and many more folks from other churches were with us. We had song services and short talks by different preachers. The services were enjoyed by all. Saturday night service opened with a good, lively song service followed by a praise service and special songs. Brother Opsata, district pastor, made a mission talk and an offering was taken for missions amounting to between five and six dollars. Brother P. D. Hoggatt then brought a wonderful message.

Sunday morning service opened at 9:30. The day was well spent for God. After songs and prayer our state overseer read us a good scripture lesson and gave us some good points on Sunday School. Special singing was enjoyed throughout the convention. A talk followed by Sister Wood on the orphans. As it was Mother's Day many good songs were sung about mother. Then a talk on Willing Workers was given by the writer, followed by a talk on the Evangel by Brother Johnnie Moore. Sister Jane Hart of Ada, Okla. gave us an interesting talk about Bible School, after which we had the representation of the churches: Maud and Seminole. The Lord blessed. An offering was taken for our good, faithful overseer. Dinner was then spread which we enjoyed. Service opened about 1:30 p. m. with good singing and prayers. Then a wonderful message from our overseer was enjoyed. After the message two came into the church. Our other church on the district then reported—Shawnee. We have only three churches on this district but we felt like our convention was one of the best we ever had. We then had a general praise service with special songs. A dear young Brother Sharp of California was with us and gave us a good testimony about how the Lord just opened the way in California for him to join the church. The day was now nearly spent and the folks departed to their different places after handshakes and good-byes. The good, happy feeling is still with us. Pray for us at Seminole. —Sister Gladys Curtsinger, Seminole, Okla.

North Carolina State Conv'n.

The North Carolina state convention convened at the Armory Auditorium May 12-15, inclusive, at Charlotte, N. C. The service opened Wednesday evening with songs, prayers and shouts of victory. which inevitably showed God's approval in the very beginning of the convention. The welcome address was given by Brother W. T. Nelson, pastor of the Charlotte church, with responses by Brothers Garland Grooms, J. C. Houch, and N. M. Jones. Before the welcome addresses were finished the saints were certainly taking advantage of the fervent welcomes given them and acted as if they felt perfectly at home. There have been times, perhaps, when children of God had to make themselves welcome whether they were sentimentally favored or resented, but from the general attitude of the whole city of Charlotte—the mayor's address, the warm hospitality of the business men, the willingness of the radio stations to assist us in any way, giving us three broadcasts over the weaker station, W. S. O. S., and one over W. B. T. (this not only made the convention a blessing to the large number of delegates that would crowd the auditorium but to millions from Canada to Miami), and the general respect shown by the citizens of Charlotte (made so, perhaps, by the impressive conduct of the Church of God people)—we were not made to feel a sense of imposing in the last degree.

The first sermon was delivered by Brother Harry L. Whittington, on "Triumphant Faith." Brother Whittington is pastoring one of the largest churches in the movement, recently built at Kannapolis, N. C. His theme was very timely. (Several other new churches were reported being built in the state of North Carolina.)

The convention proper opened Thursday morning with songs, praise and prayers, after which the scripture lesson was read by Brother Stephens, state overseer. Several committees were appointed and the absent were remembered. The main speakers of the morning were Brothers W. M. Stallings, J. R. Sanders, J. R. Campbell and Ernest Anders. Reports were made from the new fields visited on the day set aside by the state overseer. Each report was excellent.

The afternoon featured several things of interest: First, a broadcast over W. B. T. (If you are in reach of this station,

a card requesting it to grant Brother W. T. Nelson a broadcast would be appreciated. This would mean much to the Church of God, as this is the leading radio station of the South. Address: Station W. B. T., Charlotte, N. C.) Second, a sermon by Brother Snyder, immediately followed by another radio broadcast. Fourth, a sermon by Brother D. H. Delk on "Essentials of Charity," after which we were dismissed for the afternoon.

The evening service was quite interesting. Mayor B. M. Dougless expressed his gratitude for the convention being in Charlotte. The speakers of the evening were: Brother W. W. Harmon on "Benefits of Church Government," Brother W. J. Prichard and Brother R. P. Johnson on "True Worship vs. Vain Worship." During the service a message in tongues was given by Brother J. H. Walker and interpreted by Brother R. P. Johnson. Prayer for the sick ended the day Thursday.

The main features of the Friday morning program were: First, the ordination of two bishops who were father and son (Brother C. L. Franklin, father, and Brother T. C. Franklin, son). The speakers of the morning were Brother H. C. Peak on "A Mind to Work," Sister Fred Davis on "Helping our Orphans," (an offering was taken for same amounting to $102.02), and Brother Zeno C. Tharp on "The Minister's Wife, a Help or Hindrance, Which?" Brother Hamby then talked on the Evangel.

The first thing after lunch was a radio broadcast, of which Brother Milligan, pastor of the Church of God at Headquarters, was the speaker. His subject was "Our Identity with Christ." Second, Brother E. E. Winters preached on "The Church of God." The third feature was the reports of the districts, of which several new churches, successful revivals and a general increase of membership were reported. Each church reported a hundred per cent on missions. Brother D. B. Yow preached the concluding sermon of the afternoon. His theme was "Sound Fellowship and Joint Interest." Great waves of glory accompanied the conclusion of this message.

The Friday evening program consisted of a Y. P. E. program with Brother T. C. Franklin and Brother Max Atkins in charge. Brother Atkins preached a soul-stirring message to the young people. Second, a Bible School program with remarks by Brother Tharp. (North Carolina had the greatest number of students represented in B. T. S. last term.) The closing message of the evening was by Brother John C. Padgett on "Get Acquainted."

Saturday morning was filled to its capacity, which included four sermons, with various reports, announcements, offerings and the closing remarks by our beloved state overseer, Brother John L. Stephens. (Brother Stephens has certainly been instrumental in bringing North Carolina to the front.) The mission offering doubled last year's offering, amounting to $367.-03 cash, and in immediate pledges something over $400.00.

Special music was rendered throughout the convention by the LeFevre trio of Kannapolis and the Gerald sisters of Wilmington. Several visitors from other states were present, among whom were: Brother J. H. Walker and wife, Brother Tharp, Brother R. R. Walker, Brother W. J. Milligan, and Brother R. P. Johnson and son, Robert. (Visitors always have a hearty welcome to North Carolina.) The last feature of the convention was a marriage, and thus ended the greatest Church of God convention in the history of North Carolina!—A brother in Christ, Harry Hatcher, 210 State St., Greensboro, N. C.

McMinnville, Tenn. District Convention

The McMinnville district convention convened at the Church of God in McMinnville, April 30-May 2, with our state overseer, Brother M. P. Cross, in charge, assisted by our district overseer, Brother W. S. Wilemon.

Service began Friday night, with singing. Special singing was rendered by the orphanage quartet of Cleveland. The first message of the convention was brought by the state overseer. Following the message was an altar service with the altar full of earnest seekers.

The second session of the convention opened Saturday night with choir and quartet singing, after which an offering was taken for missions in the amount of $15.68. The first speaker on the program was Brother W. H. Huddleston, after which Sister Cross delivered a soul-stirring sermon. These messages were followed by an altar service.

Service opened Sunday morning with singing, followed by messages from visiting ministers, including Brother W. E. Johnson of Elizabethton, Tenn. and Brother Batts of Georgia. The second phase of the service was orphanage talks and singing by the orphanage quartet, after which an orphanage offering was taken in the amount of $27.28. We were then favored by another message by our state overseer. After adjournment the delegates assembled in the basement of the church where a large dinner was spread and enjoyed by all who partook of same.

Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. the convention assembled for the closing session. After singing the churches reported. Following the reports of the churches Brother E. D. Bennett preached the closing sermon.

The convention was well attended and much enjoyed by all the visiting ministers, singers and other delegates. We appreciate their visit and invite them back again to the convention next year, if the Lord tarries and we are permitted to have the convention again.—Sincerely, R. H. Maxwell, clerk.

Rome, Ga. Dist. Convention

The Rome, Ga. district convention was held at Lindale, Ga., May 21-23, inclusive. The program was arranged by the district pastor, Brother J. W. Heaton, pastor of Berryton church.

The convention opened Friday evening at 7:30 with songs, prayer and special singing by the Homeland Harmony quartet, also some real good congregational singing. This was followed by a good season of prayer, after which the welcome address was delivered by the pastor, Brother E. M. Tapley. Brothers J. R. Davis and B. C. Robinson made response to the welcome address, after which a soul-stirring sermon was delivered by A. L. Burroughs, one of our ministers from Alabama.

On Saturday morning the convention opened again with good singing and constant prayer. A number of visiting ministers made several talks which were enjoyed by those present. The congregation adjourned at 12:00 to meet again at 2:00 p. m. After a good time of singing and concert prayer the reports of the various churches were given. The pastors reported the work in good condition, and informed the congregation that a good revival spirit seemed to be in the churches, and also stated that the mission cause was resting upon many of the church members, and that the financial side of the church was coming along nicely. Everyone was greatly encouraged and determined deeply in their hearts to press the battle with renewed energy. The congregation adjourned at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

At 7:30 the congregation met again with special singing by the Smith quartet, also the Lindale Y. P. E. quartet. The congregation was then favored by a short talk from our dear Brother M. A. Looney which was followed by a sermon by J. C. Jernigan, overseer of Georgia, "The Spirit of the Early Church." The Lord was present and all were greatly blessed and had their souls fed through this wonderful message.

On Sunday morning one of the visiting ministers preached from the subject, "Growing in Grace", which was followed by a soul-stirring message from the state overseer on "Loyalty". After

this wonderful discourse a nice offering was taken for foreign missions in the amount of $112.30. This offering was taken without scarcely any persuasion. The congregation had a spirit to give. In the afternoon a testimony service was held by Brother W. H. Black, pastor of the Rome church, after which the writer talked on "Encouragement".

In our opinion the convention was a great success, and we certainly thank the Lord for the way He is working, not only in that place, but throughout the entire state of Georgia, and various states in the Union. To God be all the praise.—E. J. Boehmer.

Report of Crockett, Texas District Convention

The Crockett district convention of the Church of God convened here at Trinity, April 24, 25, with our state overseer, Brother T. S. Payne, in charge, assisted by our district overseer, Brother W. F. Ainsworth.

We were happy to have with us saints from many different places: Houston, Selman City, Dallas, Palestine, Crockett and other places, to help enjoy this great feast from the Lord.

Service opened with songs and prayer. Brother W. F. Ainsworth gave the welcome address, followed by Sister Minnie French. Sister Stanley and Brother Allie Wooderds made short talks that were good. The devotional service was surely blessed by the Lord. Our hearts just swelled with pride as we listened to the good testimonies.

We had some good singing led by Brother Wright of Selman City with several good specials. A mission offering was taken by Brother Payne, followed by a message on missions by Brother Wright. Brother Crow of Selman City brought a real heart-rending, soul-stirring message on the last days.

Sunday morning the day began just right. There were still more visitors. We again had songs and prayer and the day continued in the same good spirit. At times some were weeping for joy and others shouting and speaking in tongues. The Lord just blessed in a wonderful way. We heard different speakers during the morning. We had with us a number of Assembly of God preachers and their flocks and they rendered their services in making the day a success. Brother Payne brought the 11:00 o'clock message which really fed our souls.

At noon dinner was spread in the churchyard. In the afternoon service we had more special singing. We enjoyed several sermonettes by Brothers Byrn, Star, Wilson, Morrow, and Stanley. Brother Stanley has been with us for two weeks laboring in a revival with his faithful wife and two daughters who sing specials for us.

Brother Davis brought a message that was much enjoyed after which came the altar service. One precious soul prayed through to the Holy Ghost. In the evening service we had other visitors. One that I will mention is one of our old pioneer preachers, Brother Land, who is around eighty years old and still able to skip and praise the Lord. We had more good singing and rejoicing, more food for the soul as different ones added their bit to the service. Then Brother Davis again brought us a message under the power of the Holy Ghost. After another altar service with a number seeking the Lord the convention came to a close. Our prayer is that God will bless the workers.

Don't forget to pray for us here as we are still in a revival. Several souls have been reclaimed, many have been blessed and others are under conviction.—Brother and Sister R. L. Reeves, Trinity, Tex.

Schoolfield, Va. Dist. Conv'n.

The Schoolfield district convention convened at Danville, Va., April 23-25. Brother Ed Johnson, district overseer and pastor of the Danville church, gave the welcome address with response by Brother Harris and Sister Puckett. We also enjoyed the special singing rendered during this convention. Brother J. L. Dorman, our state overseer, preached and the power of God came down in a mighty way.

The service Saturday morning began at 10:00 o'clock. At 10:30 a. m. our state overseer gave us some good advice. We thank God for giving such a man of God as Brother Dorman for our overseer. Brother Marvin E. Porter then preached and God came down and blessed Brother Porter and his message was a great blessing and encouragement to our souls. We took an offering for the state overseer after which Brother Ferguson preached and God surely blessed. Then came a message by Brother Walker, followed by one by Brother Marvin Reid. At the evening service Brother Sparks and Brother Justice preached for us.

Sunday morning at 9:45 Sister Puckett preached. A mission offering was taken in the amount of $26.25, then Sister Brabson gave a talk on Sunday School followed by a very good report by Brother Porter on Sunday School. Brother Brabson then preached for us after which we were dismissed for lunch. In the afternoon service the power of God fell wonderfully. Reports of the churches were given. The churches of the district are: Martinsville, Brother Sparks, pastor; Schoolfield, Brother Justice, pastor; Danville, Brother Ed. Johnson, pastor; Country work, Sister Puckett, leader. The reports were encouraging and showed the churches were progressing. After the reports there was a divine healing service. At the Sunday night service another offering was taken for the state overseer, after which he preached for us. We were then dismissed with handshakes and good-byes. We had special singing throughout the entire convention which was enjoyed by all present.—Your sister in Christ, Florene Harris, clerk, 7 Talbott Ave., Danville, Va.

Cobbtown, Ga. Dist. Conv'n.

The Cobbtown, Ga. district convention convened at the Hillside church, May 7-9, 1937. Brother E. D. Douglas, district pastor, was on the job with his big smile, although he was not well in body. Our state overseer, Brother John C. Jernigan, was present to add his great talent to the service. His preaching was wonderful.

This is a small district but we had with us four district pastors from other districts, with their smiles and shining faces added to what it takes to make a great convention. Brother Jernigan gave a preacher's testimony meeting. About fifteen were there to tell the sweet story of the saving grace of our Lord. The writer is now in a revival with the Hillside church. Pray for our success. The mission spirit was in our convention and the mission offering more than doubled any previous convention. — Graham Oglesby.

E. St. Louis, Ill. Dist. Conv'n.

Our district convention was conducted by our pastor, Brother G. W. Messer. The welcome address was given by Sister Messer. The weather was favorable for the convention and we had nice crowds at each service. We had some wonderful music and special singing. How the Lord did bless as we sang. We certainly had some wonderful sermons. Brother Thomas, our state overseer, preached a wonderful sermon.

Saturday night the testimony service was conducted by Sister Stanley Joplin of Benton. We had visitors from various places and thank the Lord for them.

The different churches reported and you may be sure they are all on fire for the Lord and are growing, with souls being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. The Lord surely smiled His approval upon each service and we thank Him for His presence.—Essie Aldrich, corresponding secretary.

Big Island Dist. Convention

The Big Island, Mo. district convention convened at Vicksburg, Mo., May 7-9 with Brother H. N. Scoggins, state overseer, and Brother D. K. Murphy, dis-

trict pastor, in charge. After the good devotional service Brother J. W. Maness gave the welcome address followed by response by Sisters Cross and Rogers and Brother Austin. God began blessing in the first service. Brother Scoggins brought the evening message after which the service closed with an altar service.

The Lord met with us again Saturday morning and we heard good messages by Brother Elmer Clark, Sister Carrie Stringer and Brother Dodson. The afternoon service brought forth a message by Brother Elliott. An offering was taken for the orphans in the amount of $7.70. Then came messages by Brothers J. W. Maness and M. E. Weeks. Those who were present in the night service seemed to be amazed at the wonderful messages that came from Brothers H. N. Scoggins and J. L. Underwood. These messages were certainly enjoyed by all.

Sunday morning there were two fine sermons by Brother R. E. Worley, state Sunday School superintendent, and Brother Scoggins. A mission offering was taken in the amount of $16.00. Service was dismissed and dinner was spread on the church ground. The presence of God did not fail to be with us in the closing service. The Lord blessed in the song service, then came the reports of the churches. We also heard another wonderful message by Brother Underwood. Next we were blessed with a praise service and with this came the close of the convention but God continues to bless. There was shouting and crying for joy. —Sister Ola Callis, Rt. 2, Steele, Mo.

Roanoke, Va. Dist. Conv'n.

The Roanoke district convention of the Church of God convened at Roanoke, Va., April 30-May 2, with J. L. Dorman, state overseer, in charge.

Starting with the first song on Friday night the Lord met us with an assurance to the hearty welcome extended by the pastor, J. H. Daniels, and responded to by Sisters Lorena and Emma Adkins, Brothers Paul Dorman and Sink. Afterwards came two inspiring talks by Brothers G. H. Booth and H. A. Williams to climax the service.

Saturday morning brought added interests through a message from Brother Stout, followed by a message from our colored brother, J. A. Witcher. Surely we shall remember the inspirational attitude in that it was given to bless our souls. In the afternoon some valuable and sound instructions were received in the ministers' meeting as given by the state overseer and ministers. The night service found the church filled to its capacity to enjoy the special singing of Brother Justice and daughters, Brother and Sister Stout. Also Brother and Sister Smith and others added to the number in other parts of the services. The writer gave a message which was concluded by an altar call for which many responded and prayed through to the Lord.

The Sunday morning Sunday School procedure was conducted by the writer, in the giving of reports and instructions. An offering was taken for the orphanage, after which we had two timely themes by Brothers C. W. Collins and G. C. Smith. A mission offering amounting to $37.51 was taken. The reports of churches were given in the afternoon, also a message by Brother J. P. Sapp. Brother J. O. Eure climaxed the convention in a night message. Valuable, beneficial results were obtained in all the services that will long be treasured by all those who were present to enjoy this wonderful convention.—Marvin E. Porter, state supt. of S. S. and Y. P. E., Austinville, Va.

MISSION PAGE

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his ministry with the Pilgrim Holiness Church, seven years with the Methodists and eighteen years with the Salvation Army. During this time he spent five years in Panama, also some time in Costa Rica and British Guiana, S. America. In addition to this, he served in nine Island Colonies throughout the West Indies. He lives with his wife here in Barbados, where they own their home. We're glad to receive this dear brother who comes to us highly recommended from the other churches, as well as from those without. Please pray for these dear people, especially Mrs. Winter, who is quite sick at this writing. Because of their wide range of influence, I feel that they will be a great help and blessing to the work in this field.

We now have five churches and one mission in the capital city of Bridgetown. Two of these have fine buildings, one a stone chapel costing about $7,000 to build. Since the first of the year we have enlarged our Central Station at a cost of some $800. We made it longer and higher and put on a new roof, so as to have larger and cooler quarters for our conventions. One other of the city churches has a new building all completed except laying the floor and some other minor fixings.

REQUESTS

Dear saints, I am under a great burden for my husband, he has gone back in sin. Please pray a special prayer that he will get back to God. I thank God for our church here in Canton and for our good pastor, Brother J. M. Snyder, and his wife. Please pray hard for my husband. Also pray that I will be found faithful. Pray for the revival starting here next Sunday with Brother Max Atkins in charge.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Will Maney, Canton, N. C.

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Dear saints, please pray earnestly for me, my afflictions are so great, my body has weakened so much. Pray that the Lord will heal me that I can live and teach my children the right way. Also pray for my husband that he will receive the Holy Ghost and for my niece, Hazel Kilpatrick, she has been ill for sometime. —Mrs. Worth Rich, Rt. 3, Canton, Ga.

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I have a special request that I want you to please pray for. Pray especially for a friend, Miss Lucy Mae Bobo, that the Lord will save and heal her body. Please help me pray. Pray for our home that we will live close to Him and trust Him for guidance in everything.—Yours for the Master, Miss Ruth Froshour, West Point, Miss.

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Brother Howard Robbins is with me in a revival at Verda, Ky. I am pastor of this church and the church at Ages, Ky. Pray for us and for the work at these places.—George L. Cravens, Ages, Ky.

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Brother R. G. Griffin of Peterson, Ala., got mashed with a rock in the mines May 28. He is in Drude City hospital of Tuscaloosa, paralyzed from his hips down. Please pray that God will heal him.—Mrs. D. Y. Sartain, Rt. 1, Cottondale, Ala.

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Pray for me as I have a very bad kidney trouble and heart trouble. I am not able to do anything. Please don't pass this up.—George Brock, Rt. 3, Bx. 503, Hendersonville, N. C.

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Dear saints, who know the value of prayer, please pray a special prayer for my dear old dad who is ninety-six years old and has high blood pressure. Pray that he will be healed, and more important, that he will be saved. Pray for mamma and my brothers, sisters, and husband to be saved. Pray for me to get stronger in the Lord. This is important.—Mrs. Elmer Bennett, Holly Grove, Ark., Rt. 2, Box 39.

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Dear readers, pray earnestly for God to save my grandfather before it is too late. Pray for God to heal his body, if it His will. He is seventy-eight years old and seems so unconcerned about his soul. Surely unless God undertakes he won't be here very long.—H. L. Kitchen, 6504 Third Ave., So. Birmingham, Ala.

Requests

Dear saints, I have had some dark days. I have been afflicted for fourteen years. The dear Lord has been with me. Please pray that He will heal my body and give me the blessing, also make a way for me to go to the Church of God meetings. I have no way to go. I am a poor widow and live five miles to the nearest Church of God. I have T. B., high blood pressure, and other things. I am not a member of the Church of God but love the people. Pray earnestly for me.—Mrs. Flonnie Brown, Rt. 1, Selma, N. C.

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We are soon to go out in evangelistic work. Pray that we may be used of the Lord. Pray for my unsaved loved ones. —Mary D. Rouse Howard, Hephzibah, Ga.

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I request prayer for my complete heaiing. I suffer so much with head trouble and have bad spells at times. Pray that my husband and two sons will soon receive the Holy Ghost. I also have two daughters who need prayer. Pray that they will be saved. Pray that God will continue to bless in our prayer meetings. —Mrs. Walter Sikes, Lyons, Ga.

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About a year ago I requested prayer for my sister to be healed of throat trouble. He healed her but she did not give Him glory. Her trouble has come back on her and she wrote me to request prayer and she would glorify God. Pray earnestly that God will save my loved ones as they are in darkness. I thank God for Brother and Sister Drake who came to Carlsbad preaching and sacrificing, going through hardships to establish the Church of God to the saving of my soul. Pray that my mother will be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. My daughter and husband are backslidden. Pray that they will get back to the Lord.—Eva Hudson, Rt. 1, Box 156, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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The Lord healed me of cancer of the stomach when I had to live on toast and milk almost two years. I had one operation and many doctors treated me with no relief. Husband and I have cried for joy because the Lord was so good to me. Please pray that He will heal my head. I have severe headaches. Pray for my husband and daughter who have both backslidden. — Mrs. Frances Mitchell, Carlsbad, N. Mex.

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Please pray for an unspoken request.—Viola Kimbrough, Jefferson City, Tenn.

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Please pray for the healing of Sister Melda Young's body. Doctors say they can't do her any good. She has recently became a member of the Church of God and is now trusting the Lord. Pray earnestly for her.—D. L. Barrett, pastor, Red Bay, Ala.

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I have been suffering for a long time with a goiter on my neck and with heart trouble. Pray earnestly for me.—Mrs. C. C. Glosson, 1600 S. Church St., Rocky Mount, N. C.

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Dear saints, I am in need of the most earnest prayer as I don't ever get to hear the Word of God preached. Pray for me and my home. Pray until you get a prayer through. Pray for my husband, daddy and mother to be saved and that I'll get stronger in God.—Mrs. J. C. Donald, Rt. 4, Philadelphia, Miss.

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Please pray a special prayer for my eyes and for the healing of my body. One eye is almost out and the other is bad. If anyone feels led to fast and pray or send me an anointed handkerchief, it will be greatly appreciated. Please don't pass this up, pray until your prayers go through. The doctor says I have T. B.—Your sister in Christ, Bessie Holland, Box 216, Robbinsville, N. C.

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I received the baptism two or three weeks ago so pray that I will stay in this straight way. My niece received the Holy Ghost a while back. Her husband doesn't believe in this way and will not allow her to go to church. She is having a hard time. Please pray that something will be done so that she can go to church. Pray that my two brothers-in-law and brother will have the desire to go to church. Pray that God will undertake in some way.—Your sister under the blood, Mildred Haga, Reisterstown, Md.

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Dear saints, I have many trials and troubles as all true Christians do. I request prayer from the saints of God that the Lord will heal my body. I am sick almost all of the time. Pray that I will do His will and get saved.—Mrs. Thelma Garrison, Kennesaw, Ga.

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Please join me in prayer, I feel I need your prayers. Pray that I will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost before it is too late. Please pray for me.—A brother in Christ, E. L. McCloud, Devonia, Tenn.

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Dear saints, I have something wrong with my right hand and arm. They are almost past using. Please pray for me, I'm trusting the Savior for my healing. I also have other requests which the Lord knows all about.—A sister in Christ, Drucilla Marcus, Demorest, Ga.

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My little seven-year-old boy is sick with his stomach and is in a bad condition. Please pray for the little fellow to be healed. Pray for me, the devil thinks he has me chained down but God can loosen the chains and give me a closer walk with Him. Pray, pray, pray!—Dock Smith, Melrose, N. Mex.

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Please pray that the Lord will heal my body. I need much prayer and encouragement and live back where no one ever comes to see me or pray for me. My husband is cross to me. I want all to pray for him that God will make him so miserable back in here that he will move out so I can be with the people of God and we can have prayer meeting. I would appreciate letters of encouragement from God's people.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Mary A. Elton, Oconee, Ga.

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Sister E. L. Bradshaw requests prayer for her grandson to be healed and saved. Please pray for me, I have an unspoken request. Do pray for your old unworthy sister in Christ who is looking for Jesus to come and call for me. I trust the dear Lord for all.—Mary Lynch, Gen. Del., Marked Tree, Ark.

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Dear readers, I happened to a serious accident and almost got my back broken. I am paralyzed from my waist down. I earnestly request prayer from all the saints that I might be healed.—Yours truly, R. G. Griffin, Peterson, Ala.

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We thank God that the sweet Holy Ghost still abides. Pray that we will hold out faithful. Pray for our three sisters and three brothers to be saved before it is too late. We are left without dad or mother.—Your sister and brother in Christ, Bertha and Grady Wilkerson, Williston, Fla.

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I thank the Lord for what He means to me, He has wonderfully blessed and is still blessing here. I feel that we need to pray as never before that God will help us to stay at His feet and do His will. Pray for my body.—Your brother in Christ, Charles Kendall, Vance, Miss.

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Please pray for me. There is something growing on the inside of my lip which the people say is a cancer. They want me to go to the doctor but I have been trusting the Lord eight years for my healing and He has always healed any disease and I know He will heal this. If I have to leave this world I want to leave it trusting the Lord.—W. L. Nixon, Rt. 1, Cropwell, Ala.

YE DID RUN WELL

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make such an assertion as that above? After closely watching and studying the professed Christians I am thoroughly convinced that I am right in the statement which I make. How many can we recall at this time who were at one time a power for God and were great leaders in the Christian warfare. Where are they today? Down in the gutter of sin and degradation. Whose fault is this? Can we hurl the accusation at Christ and say, "Your grace was not sufficient to keep me," when He has said in His Word "Lo, I am with you alway"? No, my friends, you will have to admit that we have failed to *run well*.

Matt. 13:5, 6, "Some fell on stony places, where they had not much earth, and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth. And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away." How true this scripture! My mind travels back through the past few years of my life and I can recall with what joy they would receive God's Word and with what readiness of mind and heart they would accept Jesus as their Savior. I have seen the altars full, also front seats full of hungry seekers trying to get to God. I have heard convicted sinners crying in the congregation and have seen them slain under the power of God. I have seen the new-born children of God dance the holy dance while their faces shone like that of an angel. I have heard them vow to God that they would be true in every way. I have heard them sing, "Where He leads me I will follow," with voices clear and sweet. They meant this too. They were happy in Jesus. They were enjoying the blessings from the storehouse of God, but, oh how sad, many of them were of the "stony Christian class." They had not much earth and when the sun was up, they were scorched. Truly, my friends, there must be some cause for this. Let's see if we can find it.

Look at the text again and read, "Who did hinder you?" There it is, there is the cause of all the trouble. Someone or something has hindered. In 2 Cor. 11:13-15 we find false apostles who transform themselves into the apostles of Christ, and even Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. This is one of the most successful and profound stumbling blocks which have been rolled in the pathway of the Christian. These false apostles not only try to undermine and destroy our faith, but they will, if we adhere to their voice, lead us into destruction and woe. Who are the false apostles? Do we have them in this day and time? How can we know them from those who are true? Yes, we have them. It may be that some are among our own ranks. They are those who fail to declare the full truths of God's Word. They are those who "heal the hurt of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace," Jer. 6:14. Satan has turned them loose by the thousands and they are overrunning the whole universe, leading precious, honest souls down the broad road to destruction. Brother ministers, fail not to declare the whole counsel of God's Word. Don't be a hindrance to those who are endeavoring to join the happy number of the blessed. I am praying that God will give me more wisdom and knowledge of His Word that I may proclaim it in its fullness. I would rather drink branch water and eat corn bread the remaining days of my life than to compromise on the Word of God. From the above we see that false apostles is one great hindrance to the Christian race and is one reason why we fail to *run well*.

NOTICES

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my appreciation for the way you have co-operated with me in trying to put the Church program over for this year. I am glad to say that all of our district conventions have already convened and the Lord did meet with us in a wonderful way, and I think the records will show that our missions doubled what they have ever been in any year previous (that is, in the district conventions).

I feel it should give all of us new courage to just think we have been trying to build our state headquarters, and the state parsonage will soon be finished, and if you will continue to pray and co-operate with us and let us be laborers together we will have it all paid for. Oh, I feel like praising the dear Lord for His goodness to us.

Now I will come to you with the purpose of this letter. It is this. We plan on having a big HONOR ROLL stretched in the tent or tabernacle during the state convention and I am sure you will want to see your local church, of which you are a member, and your good pastor's name on this HONOR ROLL. I am writing you to let you know just what will be required of you for your church and pastor's name to appear on this roll.

First, the pastor will have to have his $2.50 assessment for state headquarters paid.

Second, the church will have to be one hundred per cent with its twenty-five cents per member for state headquarters.

Third, the church will have to be one hundred per cent on the ten cents per member for aged ministers, which is surely a worthy cause.

Fourth, it will require you to be up with your MISSION quota which is five per cent of the gross amount of tithes paid in.

Fifth, you will be expected to have your $1.00 per member for MISSIONS, which was agreed to in the ministers' meeting.

Now if you are behind with any of the above, why not have an all-day meeting, or whatever it takes, and raise it and bring it to the opening of the state convention so your church and good shepherd's name will appear on this HONOR ROLL upon which many will look. We are expecting a number of out-of-states visitors and they will go back and tell of what the good old state of Mississippi is doing and of those on the HONOR ROLL.

WILL YOU BE IN THAT NUMBER? You may say, We can't, but I am glad to say several or some of the churches are already over the top with all of the above. Now the good Apostle Paul said, Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? so run that ye may obtain. Since the first Sunday in July is the Fourth of July we are setting this day for all to raise all the above, so run that you may obtain. Be on the HONOR ROLL.

My good brother pastor, I am counting on you to put forth a special effort and keep this ever before your good people.

And now my good and precious brother and sister, I am depending on you to co-operate with your loving pastor and put all the above over and let me see your church and pastor's name on the above mentioned ROLL, and let us have a record-breaking report in our state convention this year. Remember we are praying for every church and pastor, yes, and every individual.—I am your unworthy servant in the Master's love, M. J. Headley, overseer of Mississippi.

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The Church of God at Campaign, Tenn. is planning on a Sunday School rally on June 20. We invite all Sunday Schools on the district to be with us that day. Bring a well-filled basket and come expecting a good time in the Lord.—W. H. Huddleston, pastor, Campaign, Tenn.

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The Washington, Pa. district convention of Sunday School and Y. P. E. will convene at the Washington church, June 20. We will be expecting a large delegation from each church on the district. We also invite near-by churches. Sister Alva Mae McClure, state superintendent of Sunday Schools and Y. P. E., will be in charge. We're expecting God to meet with us in the old-time way. Come prayed up. Everyone bring a lunch with you, and remember, you are welcome.—C. H. Shaw, district pastor.

ETERNAL LIFE

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demn anyone as the Bible is law, our guide, to instruct us in doing right. If you think you can just live any kind of a life, just as you please in sin, how can you tell if you are predestined to heaven or hell? If you sin you are a sinner. Do you think that God would let you hide under a cloak of an opinion that you are predestined or by an eternal security theory and punish the drunken sot that is bound in the clutches of sin, makes no profession, united with no body of believers? I say no. All the blessings of God given us do not grant us license to steal, lie, kill, break the law, and do the many things we would condemn the sinner in doing; one would be a sinner, the other a base hypocrite, neither one a blessing nor heaven bound.

Peter says the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and his ear is open unto their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against the evildoers, 1 Peter 3:12. "Let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or a busybody," (4:15). If you suffer, let it be for righteousness sake (3:14) for the righteous only will be saved (4:18). "Let the wicked forsake his way" applies to all. When the righteous turn away and commit iniquity all his righteousness shall not be mentioned, he shall die, Ezek. 18:24, 26. There is a chance if he restores the pledge, V. 12. Also see 33:15, 17. The soul that sinneth it shall die if it continues to sin. This shows that carnality will not mix or harmonize with the Spirit of God. Many covenants have been made and broken, obeyed for a season then forgotten. See. Isa. 55. If we turn away from God and forsake the right way, we become again entangled and the latter end is worse than the beginning.

It is well for us to consider the danger signals that Peter gives. 2 Pet. 2:15, 20; 3:17. He admonishes us to give all diligence, add to your faith virtue, then knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity, for if these things be in you and abound they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful, but he that lacketh these things is blind and cannot see afar off and hath forgotten that he was (past tense) purged from his old sins. Now give diligence, make your calling and election sure. If you do these things ye shall never fall (2 Peter 1:10), indicating if you do not, you will fall. For even angels were not spared that sinned. Are you any better than they? 2 Pet. 2:4. God knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation and is always giving warnings and instructions, but many times we pay no heed.

1 Cor. 10:13. In the time of trial or temptation, where does temptation lie? Who is tempted? What is temptation? First, temptation is that which appeals. If it does not appeal to us in some manner, it is no temptation. Who is tempted? The child of God. He is tempted to do evil, to depart from the path of right, to partake of the tempting allurements, the enemy whispering no harm. He told Eve a lie in the garden, she believed the lie and suffered for it. James said every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, whatever his desires are allowed to covet after, and enticed, 1:14. One command is, "Thou shalt not covet," and numberless souls have gone down in defeat because they failed this commandment. James said, "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err (depart), my beloved brethren," vv. 15, 16. We cannot live a double life—out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursings. My brethren, these things ought not to be. See James 3:10-16.

We are taught to pray for each other that our faith fail not. There is danger here. Jude said, "Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling," V. 24. Paul said that they that will be rich fall into temptation (always lusting for that their money can buy) and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition, 1 Tim. 6:9, erred from faith, V. 10.

Danger points are seen in James 5:12, lest ye fall into condemnation. Paul said take heed lest ye fall, 1 Cor. 10:12. Hold fast let no man take thy crown, Rev. 3:11. Hold fast your confidence, Heb. 3:6. If ye continue in the faith be not moved away, Col. 1:23. Paul warned the Church of the danger of ordaining a novice lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil, 1 Tim. 3:6. Peter warns to be sober, be vigilant. The devil as a roaring lion seeketh whom he may devour, 1 Pet. 5:8. For absolute safety see requirements in Num. 35:26-28, and St. John 10 is on the same condition, principally, for what right has anyone to claim eternal security on this promise or an other if they hear His voice and follow Him not? You may say you do, but do you? "These signs shall follow them that believe." "If you love me ye will keep my commandments," and then "I will pray the Father and he will give you another comforter."

If you expect His keeping you had better live on His territory, hear and keep His commandments, follow like a sheep. "If ye be willing and obedient," Isa. 1:19. That disobedient, murmuring crowd that was helped out of Egypt didn't get to go back but coveted, which made it as bad, and they died without the promise. They were like the crowd David and Paul referred to. Psa. 14; Rom. 3. They have all gone aside, out of the way, and become fit subjects for a chain gang. You only have to look at some of the awful deeds committed by once-saved-always-saved adherents to understand the fallacy of this doctrine, which is not profitable but liable to down souls who trust in same, unless they live holy.

I can refer to a few ministers who have gone down in defeat. You may say they were only deceivers, but who knows but what you may be one. The fruits follow the devoted life and once they had sweet fellowship. We have to serve, love, hate or fellowship one or the other and Jesus said this is the condemnation that light is come and men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. Why cannot we search for the things that make for peace, things that will teach us the possibility and danger of breaking fellowship with God, preverting the scriptures, a license to careless living, granting liberty without license? Read 1 Tim. 4:1-16; 2 Tim. 3:3, 4; Matt. 24:13; Rom. 1:21, 24. God gave them up. He may you.

Special Notice

The Dalton district convention of the Church of God will convene at Spring Place, Ga. June 18-20. You are invited. —J. P. Green, district overseer.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Tennessee ..... June 10-13
Virginia (during camp meeting) June 16-17.
West Virginia (Beckley) ..... June 17-20
Michigan and Ontario camp meeting and convention (Lake Odessa, Mich.) June 19-27.
Pennsylvania (Somerset) June 30-July 4
Northwest (Minot), N. Dak., S. Dak., Wyo., Minn., Wis., Mont., Western Canada, camp meeting July 1-11; convention July 8-11.
Kentucky (Somerset) ..... Aug. 20-22
Missouri ..... Aug. 27-29
Maine (Appleton) New England States, New Hampshire, Vermont, Mass., R. I., and Conn.—Sept. 1-7.
New York ..... Sept. 7-8
District of Columbia ..... Sept. 9
Oklahoma Camp Meeting (Maud), July 19-25.
Mississippi ..... July 16-18
Arkansas ..... Aug. 13-15
Montana (Bigtimber) ..... June 17-20
Iowa and Nebraska ..... July 13-15
Kansas ..... July 16-18
Illinois ..... July 20-22
Maryland ..... July 23-25
Georgia (Macon) ..... July 27-29
Louisiana ..... July 30-Aug. 1
Texas (Weatherford) ..... Aug. 5-8

Evangel Subscriptions As They Stood The First of June

Several states have transposed their positions in the list but Iowa and Nebraska have made the greatest advancement up the line, Nebraska being in the lead in climbing up. Our last run was 7,850 which, as we have stated heretofore, includes rolls and foreign subscriptions. The number of total subscriptions this month is 5,643, a gain of 171 over last month.

	Increase	Decrease	Total
Florida		3	774
N. Carolina	14		743
Georgia	23		502
S. Carolina	23		480
Alabama	18		378
Tennessee	11		310
Mississippi		7	254
W. Virginia	4		238
Texas	19		225
Kentucky	12		223
Ohio			160
Virginia	2		137
Pennsylvania		1	134
Arkansas		1	119
Missouri	19		108
Illinois	2		102
Louisiana	4		86
Michigan		7	82
Maryland	15		79
Oklahoma	3		71
N. Dakota	2		66
California	3		52
New Mexico		2	46
S. Dakota			36

	Increase	Decrease	Total
Indiana	9		36
Kansas	6		33
Montana	3		31
Maine		7	19
Nebraska	5		14
Minnesota			12
Delaware			11
Colorado		1	10
Arizona			9
Iowa	3		9
Wash., D. C.		1	7
Oregon			7
Wyoming			7
New York			6
Idaho			5
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Washington			4
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